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THE DRAGON-BOAT FESTIVAL.

(Specialy written for the "CHINA MAIL.")

Hundreds of years ago lived Wat Yün, the honorable and virtuous. His dearest wish was for the welfare of the people of China and he did all in his power to further that wish. Now the good man's kinsmen was a monarch who thought more about himself than the good of his people and some of his laws and actions were very unjust. Wat Yün, seeing that nothing but evil could come of the Emperor's course of procedure, advised him to pursue a better line of conduct. At all times it is a risky proceeding to take upon one self the rôle of adviser to a despotic ruler, and in Wat Yün's case the advice was much too good to be palatable to the Emperor, who dismissed him from his presence and sent the minister away in disgrace. So shamed was Wat Yün that he drowned himself—probably as a last protest against his Emperor's conduct.

When the news reached the monarch he immediately repented and was overwhelmed with grief that he should have been the cause of an excellent man's death. He ordered boats to search the sea to recover the body of his adviser and commanded that sacrifices should be made to his name. Wat Yün immediately became the hero of the hour. All the good things that he had done were recalled to remembrance and love that he bore the people endeared him to them and the fact that he had sacrificed himself on their behalf awoke in them the highest feelings of regard. And thus the anniversary of his death, the 5th day of the 5th moon, has for ever been set apart as a national holiday in order that this good man's memory should be kept great in the minds of the people. Now, year by year the dragon boats sail up and down the river to call to remembrance those boats that went to find his body. The people throw into the water little packets of "cung" in "scenties" to him and thousands of fireworks are burst for a similar purpose. Such is the story of the origin of the Festival, or rather such is one version of the many that have been told to the writer lately. There is, much that is obscure, much that is vague, perhaps, not a little that is ridiculous, but it is good to see a nation commemorating her dead great ones.

Whatever the origin, there is no doubt that all Canton was "on fire" to-day. From early morning thousands of people were making their way to the river side in order to take up positions of advantage. The women and children were bright in many-colored silk clothes, while even the sampan-girls had contrived to make themselves wonderfully smart. On the beach between Honam and Canton was a long line of flower boats, gaily decorated. Many large passenger-junks had been brought into requisition and were moored near the shore crowded with sightseers. The Bund and Sha Kai were crowded with throngs of merchant fruitletellers. The sampans were rowing a rich harvest for to-day being a festival, fares ruled much higher. The writer was charged 40 cents for a trip from Honam to the Bund opposite, and, by the way, was nearly drowned in the bargain for several sampans became locked together and collided with small launch. The boating of the launch, given was hideous in the extreme—those in charge seemingly having a fiendish delight in making this horrible noise as often as possible.

At last! The first Dragon Boat comes in sight. It is long and narrow with raised prow and stern. A row of men sit along each side. Many paddle the boat along, and beautifully they do it. Some hold aloft banners and flags with characteristic devices; some jump up and down as if possessed by the wind and sea, but by no means is a man who beats a drum with his hands and makes a sound that can be heard as an immense distance. By and by a gun appears on the scene; they are all much about alike, some, perhaps, being a little longer than others. In one boat the writer counted eighty-two men. Up and down the river they go, drums beating, gongs sounding, men shouting; from the banks thousands of crackers are fired off at intervals while the incessant shrieks of the steam tycoon dominate the whole.

Later on the boats include in a species of race and the excitement becomes more furious. It is said that a few years ago these races nearly always ended in fights in which first-arms and knives were freely used, but, happily that is now a thing of the past.

Conspicuous among the many launches was a large one, the "Red Cross," in the service of the Red Cross Society. It was bravely decked out with bunting and the Red Cross was to be seen at the mast-head, floating over the stern. There appeared to be a small medical corps on board and very business-like they looked in their white uniforms and blood-red crosses. As this article is being written the sun is setting but the drums are beating as wildly as ever. The flower-boats are lighting up their lamps and the twinkling of the lights and the scrape of oars is beginning to be heard. It is a beautiful sight to see the river alive as it were, with a myriad lights, and it looks like fairy-land. In the morning all will be as peaceful as ever but, and, certainly the children, will remember the Dragon Boat Day for many days to come.

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GREEKS IN TURKEY.
ALLEGED SEDITIONARY ACTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, June 25.
A Constantinople message states that Shekfat Paşa, in an interview with Reuter's correspondent, warned the Greeks in Turkey of the danger of the game they were playing. The Government had learned that they had been importing large quantities of rifles for seditious purposes.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.
LICENSING THE OPIUM DEN.
Power of The Home Government.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, June 25.
Col. Seely, replying to Mr. Austin Taylor, M.P., said he had no cognizance that the Government of British North Borneo were asking for tenders for farming out the opium dens and gambling houses. Certainly His Majesty's Government had not sanctioned anything of the kind. It was difficult to decide how far the Imperial Government had power to prevent such licensing in North Borneo.

THE BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, June 25.
The following are also included in the list of His Majesty's Birthday Honours:—
Mr. R. Paget, lately British Minister and Consul General at Siam, is made Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.
The Very Rev. Dr. Adler, Chief Rabbi of Hebrew congregations of the British Empire, is made Knight Commander of the Victorian Order.
Mr. L. C. Hopkins, lately British Consul General at Tientsin, is awarded the Imperial Service Order.

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.
CABLE RATES TO BE REDUCED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, June 25.
The Imperial Conference has resumed its sittings, and the Chairman has been able to announce that the Pacific Cable Co. has agreed to reduce its Press rates for messages from Vancouver to Australia and New Zealand by one half, provided the Governments of the latter countries are prepared to grant concessions on their part. The announcement was received with cheers.

ANHUI MINING CONCESSION.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, June 25.
H. E. Na Tung in an interview with the British Minister said, he strongly opposed the proposal that the copper mine in Anhui Province should be worked by Chinese in conjunction with Great Britain. He also refused to entertain the idea of Sir John Lister Kaye that the mine should be redeemed by China on payment of a large sum.

DEVELOPMENT OF MANCHURIA.**CHINA'S FINANCIAL HANDICAP.**

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, June 25.
The Board of Finance has reported to the Throne that it is not in a position to raise ten million taels, as asked for by Viceroy Shi Liang, for the development of Manchuria and the establishment of a National Bank there.

MONGOLIA AND TIBET.
MINERALS COMMISSIONER APPOINTED.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, June 25.
Chang Yik has been appointed Imperial Commissioner for the promotion of the mineral industries of Mongolia and Tibet.
[Note.—Chang is a celebrated Vice-President of one of the Boards. He was once reported to proceed to England in connection with a dispute between Great Britain and China in reference to a mine which was seized by Britain during the Boxer troubles.]

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

ACTING ROYAL.

Canton, June 25.

During the last few days robbers have been more than usually active. In the Man-Ming district their depredations have been so unbearable that the local property owners have sent a joint telegram to the Viceroy to ask for immediate assistance.

RICE SHORTAGE.

For some considerable time the authorities have endeavored to prevent rice from being smuggled out of the country but without success. Especially in the districts of Tung Koon and Tsang Shing have these efforts been futile. Now the Viceroy is of opinion that certain officials and head men of the villages are in league with the smugglers and hence the latter are not caught. His Excellency has ordered that smart detectives be employed to search out the matter.

POLICE UNIFORMS.

The uniforms of the police of the various Provinces present a remarkable variety, and consequently the Board of Civil Administration has taken steps to secure uniformity in this matter. There will soon be a regulation uniform for the police throughout the Empire and it is said that a style somewhat after that of the military will be adopted.

EDUCATION.

A local Chamber of Commerce was opened a short time ago in the Wah-chow Prefecture. The members have now come forward with a proposal to open an Evening School for tuition in commercial routine.

POLICE WANTED.

The property owners and merchants in the San-tung District feel very greatly the lack of an adequate police force. They have petitioned the Tientsin Constabulary to establish a police depot at Kung Yik Pan and have volunteered to raise the necessary funds by a house tax of 2 per cent on the rent. Of this sum 5 per cent is to be paid by the tenant and the remainder is to be defrayed by the landlord.

During the summer vacation the students of this San-tung District will organize a travelling party, the object being to examine all the principal institutions of Canton and noted places in the district. The party will be under the guidance of the chief teachers of the district.

STREET CLEANING.

Orders have been issued to immediately arrest those persons found depositing filth and rubbish in the public streets. The recent outbreak of plague has proved beneficial in so much as it has roused up the authorities to a sense of their responsibilities in the matter of street cleaning.

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE.

At Nam Hai it has been discovered that four of the constables are opium smokers. These men were told to immediately give up the evil habit or lose their positions. They all promised to reform but one of them, in an excess of zeal, cut off two of his fingers from his left hand as a token that he had forever quitted the habit. The man had been handed over to the care of the Red Cross Society.

DEATH OF A SLAVE GIRL.

The wife of a man in the Nam Hai boat one of her slave girls so severely that the child died in consequence. The husband was away at the time of the occurrence but the Magistrate has held him responsible for his wife's act, saying that he was guilty of grave family mismanagement to allow a wife to give way to her evil temper. The man has been fined \$100.

UP TO DATE ADVERTISING.

A certain tobacco firm has caused no small stir in the City and Honam lately. A procession, headed by a band of native music, and followed by men bearing tablets in praise of the "King of King" cigarettes, has paraded the chief streets. Conspicuous in the procession were several Europeans who were scattering the cigarettes broad cast. It is needless to say that both processions and cigarettes were greatly appreciated.

THE "BLACK ART" IN CANTON.

A queer story of so-called magic is to hand. A day or two ago a constable attached to Station No. 4 in the Sai Kwan saw a man evidently insane, wandering about the streets at midnight. He arrested him and local medicine pronounced him to be suffering from the effects of sorcery. The man's possession was an envelope addressed "Nai Shang" and containing three bills of exchange valued respectively at \$1,000, \$500 and \$200; two cheques of the value of \$100; seven \$5 banknotes, some loose silver and several articles of jewelry. Later on the man recovered his senses and said he was Nai Shang a Jeweller from abroad. While on board the steamer he observed that certain men were watching him very closely and on arrival at Canton he and his father endeavored to evade them. That they were not successful was shown by the fact that he again met them in his native place. These men seemed to have a peculiar effect on his mind for on landing from the steamer he found his native place his mind became blank and he remembered no more until he found himself under the charge of the police. His effects were restored to him and himself set at liberty.

MERCANTILE PROGRESS.

The Kwong Wah Medical Association of Canton has formed a party which is to meet Sunday by Sunday to hear lectures on medicine to the public health. The first meeting was held yesterday, Mr. Chan Tse Kwong, a successful medical student from Tientsin, being the lecturer.

THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL.

Great preparations are being made in Canton in anticipation of the Dragon Boat Festival to take place to-morrow. Full particulars of the festival will be issued in due course.

CANTON, June 25.

NEW DETECTIVES.

The Tientsin Constabulary has recently organized a band of detectives who will assist the police of Canton and Honam in their duties. A large building for use as a Detective Bureau is to be erected in Nam Yik Chi St.

NEW NEWSPAPERS.

Two new native journals are shortly to be published. One is to be called the "Yik Tsan Po" and the other the "Yik Tsan Po." The latter is to be published on July 2nd.

WINE PRECAUTIONS.

As the river is still very full and the weather is extremely hot, the authorities consider it highly probable that a storm

will occur during the progress of the Dragon Boat Festival. As this would no doubt lead to the loss of many lives, the Viceroy has given orders for typhoon and storm signals to be notified from the Tientsin Police Station in order that lives may be saved.

A HEAVY SENTENCE.

Some time ago we reported a case in which a man sentenced a large sum of money from a bank in the Peking Service. This man was brought to trial and they are presently in the consideration of his civil career has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

BRIDGE REPAIRS.

As the bamboo bridge over the Western Creek is in a very rickety condition and the lives of pedestrians are thereby daily imperilled, the Canton Self-Government Association has sent a letter to the Bund Bureau requesting that the structure be repaired without delay.

THE LATE MURDER CASE.

It appears that malice was the motive for the murder of the expectant officer Lee whose death we chronicled some time ago. The Viceroy has sent an account of the whole affair to the proper quarter.

NEW FIRE BRIGADE.

An examination for admission as members of the newly formed Fire Brigade will be held shortly. The candidates are to satisfy the examiners that they are proficient in reading and writing. They will also be required to come up to a certain standard of physical fitness and give evidence of being able to withstand fatigue. The successful ones must enter into an agreement to serve at least one year with the Brigade.

TOKYO LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TOKYO, June 18th.

The new tariff, which will come into force in 1911, has been drafted by the Department of Finance. A special committee of this Department met recently to consider the measure and after approval by them, it will be transferred to the Treaty Revision Committee in the Foreign Office. Probably the bill will be submitted to the Imperial Diet next year. The draft has not yet been published and even its main features are not known. There is accordingly much speculation concerning details and some wild shots at the truth.

The Government has resolved to deal more strictly with the newspapers, some of which are at present very unscrupulous in their statements and reckless as to the consequences of their writing. The operation of the New Press Law, however, is developing serious difficulties. Hitherto journalists have been prohibited from publishing the facts in cases still under preliminary examination or were not sent forward for public trial. But in giving effect to this veto the judicial officials used to exercise considerable discretion. Now under the new law a rigid system has been adopted and everything relating to any criminal case must be kept out of the newspapers until the accused has been remanded for public trial. According to the judicial authorities, the revealing of facts in criminal cases by the newspapers has often caused obstruction and in some cases miscarriage of justice. But what is happening now is worse than the former state of things. The power of veto can only be exercised by each local Court within the limits of its own jurisdiction, and so while Nagoya papers can print nothing about Nagoya criminal affairs still sub judice, Shizuoka can have all the details, with the usual embellishments of course, printed in the papers published outside the limits of the Nagoya jurisdiction, and the Shizuoka papers can be sold in Nagoya town. It is a curious state of affairs certainly and the remedy cannot be applied till the Diet meets again.

The fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Yokohama as a port for foreign trade will be celebrated on the first three days of July. For a permanent commemoration of the municipality and leading foreigners and Japanese have decided to erect a City Hall at a cost of Yen 600,000 which will be collected from the public. The building will be available for the use of the citizens for public purposes.

Prince Ito, Resident-general in Seoul, has resigned, and Viscount Sone, Vice-Resident-General, has been appointed to the vacancy. It is generally said in Tokyo that the post of Vice-Resident-General will be left unfilled for the present. The resignation of Prince Ito seems to have no special connection with politics but to have arisen through his Excellency's desire to be relieved in his old age from a post which was making too great demands on his strength. Prince Ito has been appointed President of the Privy Council, replacing Prince Yamagata who becomes an ordinary councillor.

The Japanese Government has decided to redeem sixty million yen of the national debt this year instead of fifty-eight million yen as originally fixed. Of this sum, twenty million yen were repaid in April. The remainder will be repaid in equal proportions in July and December.

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Tyrosid shipbrokers who proposed to charter a steamer for a year were surprised to find the agents stipulating that, in the event of war breaking out between Germany and Britain, each party should have the option of cancelling the charter.

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GAMBLING NOTES.

The whirling demon of the China Sea, as I heard a typhoon described the other day, has started on his pranks again and for two or three days the Colony has been on the edge of a panic. Fortunately these very unpleasant phenomena—for there were two of them—moved along a line which took them a good way south of Hongkong, French Indo-China finally receiving their "demolition" without unpleasantness. But Hongkong had plenty of squalls and any amount of rain-bursts to remind her of the close approach of her enemy.

One thing, the "whirling demon"—bandy phrase, that—has done, it has considerably lowered the temperature for us; and but for the rain, Friday in particular would have been very enjoyable; why we almost came to putting on our coats again. Manila, too, I expect is rejoicing in cooler weather since the advent of the typhoon season. Friends of mine living in the "Queen City of the Orient," as they love to call it, have been complaining greatly of the length of the sultry season this year. But I suppose they have experienced relief now and are grumbling at something else. For such is life!

In my walks abroad in this beautiful, busy Colony I have often caught myself wishing that I were a Government contractor. Life for such an one must be one long, blissful dream. "No-one harries him, no-one worries him. What though the building be a much needed Post Office, or a magnificent Palace of Justice, who cares whether it is finished 'this year, next year, sometime, never,' as we used to say in our Nursery days? No one absolutely cares a jot. We, as a race, are out here to stay for all eternity, what does it matter then, if our public buildings are designed by one generation, their erection superintended by the next, their completion seen to by the third, while they are finally put to use by the fourth. It is but a mark of the solidarity of the race. As a poet once phrased it—the individual withers but the world is more and more—our words to that effect. At the present rate of progress my grand children's children will see the first trial held in the New Law Courts, while goodness only knows when we shall lick stamps in the Post Office on the Praya. Good old Hongkong. I suppose we have so many worries, what with subsidiary colonies, insolvent chair-coolies, the diminishing revenue, the chit system, lost letters, etc., that the scandalous waste of time on public buildings now in progress of erection fades away into the region of the insignificant. All the same, I feel inclined to use the Prince of Wales' favourite expression and say to the Powers-that-be, "Wake-up."

It is good news, to turn to another topic, to hear that the railway is making substantial progress. Have any of my readers noticed what a pretty and animated sight the reclamation works at Tsungshan present on a night when the full staff are working to beat back the sea? This is on those occasions when the state of the tide permits of certain work being done on the big wall. Yes, it is very pretty.

What surprises has the Governor up his sleeve for his Budget speech next September? Oh, wouldn't we all like to know? Every man I meet has some pet scheme for so readjusting the burden of taxation that the loss of the opium revenue will be hardly felt. Of course we may expect to hear a good deal of retrenchment—retrenchment is in the air among all classes of the community just at present; you ask the rich old coolie and chairman if it isn't so!

And while on this subject of retrenchment, loss of opium revenue, increased taxation and the general "break-up" of the Colony, the Government would, I think, do well to pay some attention to Magisterial affairs and make a small charge on the issuing of summonses. This would serve a double purpose for not only would it increase the revenue to a considerable extent but it would have the effect of diminishing very largely the number of what might well be termed needless summonses, such as "dirty linen" cases. People would then think twice before they paid a dollar, or perhaps two, in taking out a summons, as the whole trouble would probably not be worth the cost. Again, it would be the means of discontinuing many of the cases which ought never to be brought before the Magistrates at all. Of course, I refer to private summonses.

The Dragon-boat festival at Canton, which is usually a day of rioting and general confusion, was held on Sunday, June 25th. It was a very successful day for the organizers, who have a day off because of grandmothers who "have make die" on that opportune date. Which reminds me of an old Chinese proverb: "On a quiet day, a man should be a quiet-looking lad in Sunday School." In what condition was the Patriarch Job at the end of his life? "Dead" was the calm and unperplexed reply.

Not so was an old negro who was the hero of an aeronautic feat told recently in a Chicago hotel. "The great flight made a balloon ascent from Charleston one hot summer afternoon. A thunderstorm came up. My job, said buckets of rain; the roar of thunder, and the lightning was down about like a thunderbolt. On toward midnight he found himself over a ploughed field and threw off his anchor—a grapple at the end of a long rope. It happened that a negro had died in one of the huts of this plantation. The funeral was to take place in the morning. As dawn broke the dead man sat in the north window, right before the hut, talking ghost stories. So, I went in the darkness above them they heard strange noises—a tapping, as of great wings, meaning a great winged creature, meaning a great winged creature. And they saw a very large black shadow. All but one man ran. This one man, as he covered

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And as he invariably the case, one nigger yarn leached to another. Ha! it seems, was in the midst of a revolution. As a phase of it two armed bodies were approaching each other so that a third was about to be caught between them. The commander of the third party saw the predicament. On the right government troops, on the left insurgents. "General, why do you not give the order to fire?" asked an aide, dashing up on a lame mule. "I would like to," responded the general, "but, Great Scott! I can't remember which side we're fighting for."

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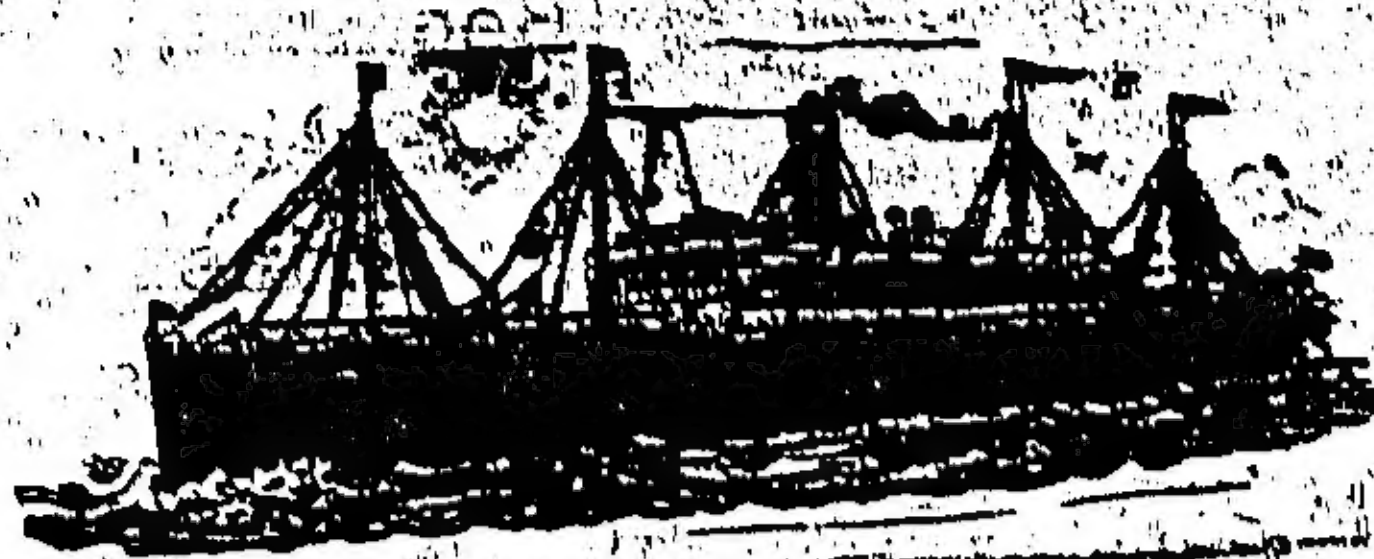
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From Singapore, a few muggy days at sea, during which everything on board the Maedonia was "soaking" brought us to Hongkong, 10,000 miles from London. Singapore was fine, but I have never seen anything to rival the harbour of Hongkong. The island itself is exceedingly picturesque, and so hilly that horses are of no use for the traffic; people must either walk or use rickshaws around the base of the hills, and chairs or "caddies," carried by two or four men, on the hill roads.

The valleys between the hills are wonderfully beautiful; in one of them all the cemeteries are situated; it is called the Happy Valley, but whether the cemeteries are there because of that, or whether it is so called because the cemeteries are there, I could never find out. The houses of the European residents are dotted all over the hillsides, and there is a fine hotel—the Peak—about 2,000 feet above the sea level, reached by electric car.

The Chinese town is exceptionally clean and well kept, and is a very busy place. Early and late you find John, hard at work, and seeming to enjoy it. Many of the shops are Chinese, and contain exquisite works of art in silver and ivory, not to mention embroideries, fans, silks, drawn work and basket work of all sorts. Here again I found the same generous hospitality which characterises our missionaries of empire everywhere, and I spent a delightful evening at Government House as the guest of Sir Frederick Lugard.—D. M. Stevenson in the Glasgow Mail.

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